

May 24, 1861

The Civil War was to claim
623,000 lives

Among the first was
Col. Elmer Ellsworth of the
New York Fire Zouaves - a
regiment composed of Manhattan
firemen and a James W.
Jackson, proprietor of The Marshall
House (a hotel) in Virginia

1861

At the beginning of the Civil War, the nation needed a sound currency, and Congress authorized the National Banking System. Banks were chartered if they deposited with the U. S. Treasury a third of their capital in government bonds and held in cash one-fourth of their deposits and liabilities.

1861-1865

Texas was part of the Confederacy

1861

Lammot du Pont went to
London on a secret mission
for U.S. Govt to acquire
saltpeter for Union forces.

1861

Texas Confederate

Major K.M. Van Zandt

Born in Tennessee. Came to TX 1839

Was son of Republic of TX Minister to the
United States, K.M. Van Zandt. Was
admitted to the Bar in 1858. Raised
Co. D, 7th TX Inf 1861

Fought in snow at Fort Donelson,
Tenn. Feb 1862. Was captured in
the surrender there. During

imprisonment at Camp Douglas, Chicago,
Johnson Island, Ill. 5 men of Co. D died.
The rest were exchanged at Vicksburg
in Sept 1862. In the campaign
Van Zandt & Co. D. fought many battles
to East of Vicksburg. Was promoted
to Major in 1863 in Grandbury's
Brigade

1861

Edward Clark (1815-1880) became
1st Gov of Tex under Confederacy
He was succeeded by
Francis R. Hubbock (1861-1863)

April
1861

At Fort Sumter in South Carolina
was the 1st Battle of the
Civil War.

Confederate soldiers fired on the
fort.

This started the bloodiest
conflict in American history

Jan 28, 1861

Leaders of the government of Texas met to decide whether to secede from the Union. After 4 days of discussion, they voted to leave the Union. Texas & ten other Southern states joined to form the new Confederate States of America. They deposed Gov Sam. Houston.

He refused to take an oath of loyalty
to the Confederacy & was removed from
office. He was replaced as
governor by Edward Clark.

1861

Abraham Lincoln became President of U.S. He did not support abolition. However, he was strongly against the spread of slavery.

1861

The first Congressional
Medal of Honor was
issued.

1861

Edward Clark become Gov
of State of Texas after Sam Houston
was deposed, so Texas could
join the Confederacy

Jan 28, 1861

Texas Secession Convention

By vote of 166 to 7 Convention adopted
Ordinance of Secession

108 of 122 Counties formed secession
By vote of 46,129 to 14,697

When Gov Sam Houston refused
to take oath supporting the
Confederacy, the Convention
replaced him with Lt. Gov. Edward Clark